

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to prosecution in a continuation application.

Please add new claims 5-8 as indicated below:

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A transgenic plant transformed with a DNA that encodes a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 8, operably linked downstream of a stress responsive promoter.

6. (New) A transgenic plant transformed with a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 7.

7. (New) A transgenic plant transformed with a DNA that encodes a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 8, operably linked downstream of a stress responsive promoter to which said protein can bind.

8. (New) A transgenic plant transformed with a DNA, that encodes a protein, comprising the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 7 operably linked down stream of a stress responsive promoter to which said protein can bind.